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SUBJECT: LOCAL KANSAI STORM OVER HIGH WAGE INCREASE DEMAND
"RECOGNITION" BY EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE

REF: TOKYO 1639 ET SUPRA

1. UNDER ALLEGED COERCION BY 170 VOCIFEROUS UNION LEADERS, KANSAI EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION SECRETARY GENERAL MASANORI NISHIBE ON FEBRUARY 25 SIGNED A STATEMENT "RECOGNIZING" NEED FOR YEN 30,000 (DOLS 100) WAGE INCREASE THIS SPRING. FIGURE WOULD ENTAIL 15 TO 20 PERCENT AVERAGE WAGE INCREASE (BUT SEE REFTEL).

2. ON SAME DAY NIKKEREN (JAPAN EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION) ISSUED SPECIAL MESSAGE CONDEMNING NISHIBE STATEMENT AS UNREALISTIC AND FRIVOLOUS; AND RECONFIRMED ITS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED GUIDELINE OF LESS THAN 10 PERCENT INCREASE.

3. NISHIBE USED JAPANESE WORD MITOMERU, WHICH CAN BE
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INTERPRETED VARIOUSLY AS "RECOGNIZE", "TAKE NOTE" OR

"APPROVE".

4. WHICHEVER MEANING IS USED THERE IS GENERAL FEELING
AMONG KANSAI MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY THAT NISHIBE STATEMENT
WILL INCREASE THEIR DIFFICULTIES DURING FORTHCOMING
SPRING LABOR OFFENSIVE. WHETHER STATEMENT WILL HAVE
ANY EFFECT ON OUTCOME OF SPRING OFFENSIVE IS MOOT.

5. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS.
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